

**William Beverley, Request for a Shenandoah Valley Land Grant (excerpt), 1732
Transcription**

April 30. 1732

Dear Sir

I am perswaded that I can get a number of people from Pensilvania to settle on Shenondore [Shenandoah] if I can obtain an order of Council for some Land there, and I beg ye [the] favour of you to get me an order at the first Council held after you recieve this, for fifteen thousand acres of Land lying on both sides of ye main river of Shenondore to include an old field called and known by ye name of Massanutting [Massanutten] town & running back & above & below the same on ye sd [said] river to include the Quantity, ye sd main river being yt [that] which Runs at ye foot of the great ridge of mountains comonly called the blue ridge & being those we know in this colony by ye name of ye high mountains, and because I would not have a dispute with any body or endeavour to supplant them I desire you will please to search in ye Council Office whether any order now in force has been granted for the said Massanutting & if there has not then I hope I shall obtain my desire, for ye Northern men are fond of buying land there because they can buy it for six or seven pounds per hundred acres, cheaper than they can take up land in pennsilvania & they don't care to go as far as Wmsburg [Williamsburg].

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Mr. Wm. Beverley

Concerning his Grant of Massanutting etc.

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